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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Competition is always good for consumers. That's particularly true when the question is access to basic infrastructure. Internet access has become critical for most people, so anything which improves access and reduces cost is good.

I understand that large companies want to create monopolies if they can, and it's in their shareholder interest to push for that. But the responsibility of government is to ensure a fair playing field and work on behalf of citizens. So you have to oppose efforts to squash local carriers.

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